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IN RE APPLICATION OF

BAUMGARTEN et al.

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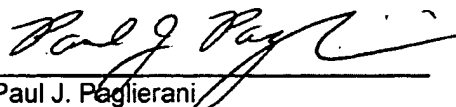
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FOR: PROTON-SENSING G-PROTEIN COUPLED RECEPTORS AND
DNA SEQUENCES THEREOF**MS: Amendment**Commissioner for Patents
PO Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

The Office Action of September 9, 2008 has a shortened statutory time set to expire on October 9, 2008. A five-month extension is hereby requested pursuant to 37 CFR §1.136(a), to extend the deadline to March 9, 2009.

Please charge Deposit Account No. 50-4409 in the name of Novartis in the amount of \$2,350 for payment of the extension fee. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 CFR §1.17 which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Account No. 50-4409 in the name of Novartis.

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